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SUBJECT: CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE ON OIL

REF: (A) STATE 032857; (B) BRASILIA 886; (C) STATE 026008

1. ON FEBRUARY 14, IN LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER,
AMBASSADOR TRANSMITTED CONTENTS REFTEL A. IN FOLLOWUP CALLS ON MINISTER SOUTO MAIOR, FONMIN'S CHEFE DE
CABINET, AND AMBASSADOR CABRAL DE MELLO, HEAD OF FONOFF
ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT, ECON COUNSELOR NOTED THAT IEA
GOVERNING BOARD WOULD CONSIDER STRUCTURE OF PREPCON ON
MARCH 7-8, AND INQUIRED WHETHER THERE WERE DEVELOPMENTS IN
GOB'S POSITION WHICH USG SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN
FORMULATING ITS APPROACH.

2. CABRAL DE MELLO SAID DAKAR CONFERENCE HAD CREATED POTENTIALLY DIFFICULT SITUATION FOR COUNTRIES LIKE BRAZIL. CALLING CONFERENCE TOTALLY UNMANAGEABLE, HE CLAIMED DAKAR CONFERENCE HAD REACHED GENERAL UNDERSTANDING WHEREBY LDC GROUP WOULD SELECT COUNTRIES THAT WOULD REPRESENT LDC CONSUMER INTERESTS IN CONSUMER-PRODUCER DIALOGUE. CONFIDENTIAL

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COUNSELOR OBSERVED THAT STRUCTURE AND PARTICIPATION OF PREPCON WOULD

BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO CONFERENCE. CABRAL DE MELLO ACKNOWLEDGED POINT, SAID GOB POSITION STILL BEING WORKED OUT. IN ASIDE, HE NOTED A FORTHCOMING COORDINATING MEETING OF LDC GROUP IN NEW YORK TO FOLLOW-UP DAKAR DECISION. (FROM CABRAL DE MELLO'S COMMENT, IT WAS NOT CLEAR HOW SOON SUCH A MEETING LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE.)

3. CABRAL DE MELLO (WHO APPARENTLY ENTRUSTED WITH WORKING UP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOREIGN MINISTER) ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF PHRASE "WE ARE PREPARING FOR DIALOGUE", WHICH COUNSELOR (ON PERSONAL BASIS) INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT INTENSIVE SUBSTANTIVE EFFORT TO DEVELOP SECRETARY'S FIVE-POINTS NOW GOING FORWARD IN USG. CARBRAL DE MELLO CLAIMED THERE HAD BEEN NO RECENT GOB CONTACT WITH GOF, ASKED ABOUT CURRENT US VIEWS FOR MODALITIES OF PREPCON. COUNSELOR STATED HE WOULD TRY TO PROVIDE FURTHER CLARIFICATION US VIEWS ON THESE AND OTHER POINTS AS US THINKING DEVELOPS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS FURTHER GUIDANCE
ON HOW TO RESPOND TO CABRAL DE MELLO'S POINTS. WHILE
TELEGRAPHIC GUIDANCE RECEIVED SO FAR HAS BEEN EXTREMELY
VALUABLE, TO CARRY FORWARD EFFECTIVE SUBSTANTIVE
DIALOGUE OF THE KIND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BEGIN WITH
GOB, IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF EMBASSY COULD HAVE FULL BRIEFING
ON STATUS OF US THINKING, BOTH ON PROCEDURE AND SUBSTANCE,
TOGETHER WITH INDICATION OF WHICH OF MATERIALS ARE FOR EMBASSY'S
OWN BACKGROUND AND WHICH WE COULD SHARE WITH GOB. EMBASSY
WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON RESULTS OF DAKAR
CONFERENCE AS THEY BEAR ON BRAZIL'S POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION
IN PREPCON AND FULL CONFERENCE.
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